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	Group Art Unit	3736
	Examiner Name	Nasser, Robert L.
	Title	SURGICAL DEVICES FOR IMPOSING A NEGATIVE PRESSURE TO STABILIZE CARDIAC TISSUE DURING SURGERY

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated December 30, 2003 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before March 30, 2004. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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